MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The question of awarding grants to grant-in-aid Vydiasalas is under the consideration of Government. No fresh grant was allotted in the bgdget for 1116.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether any grant was made in 1116 to any of the applicant?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

Valiyachira Paddy fields in Mavelikara.

268. ❋ MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any representation has been made for removing the silt in the channel connecting the Valiachira paddy fields with the Vettikottu Punja in Chunakara pakuthi, Mavelikara taluk?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

Roads in the Mavelikara taluk.

269. ❋ MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the roads in the Mavelikara taluk are maintained properly; and

(*b*) whether any amount has been allotted for the same during the years 1116 and 1117?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the member is aware that several roads in that taluk are not in good condition?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: They are maintained in as good a condition as possible with the available maintenance grant.

Bathirakali Falls.

270 ❋MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have investigated the possibilities of developing electric power from the water falls at "Bathirakali Kayam" in Arumana pakuthi, Vilavankod taluk on the Kuzhithura river?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: No.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR; இந்த அருவியிலிருந்து எலக்டிரிக் கரண்ட் எடுக்க முடியுமா என்று தயவுசெய்து மொம்பர் சொல்லலாமா?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: As I have said already no detailed investigations have been carried out. But based on the information available from a preliminary study of the locality, it would appear that the scheme may not be profitable.

Rice imported into Travancore.

271 ❋MR. P. S. MUHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the places from which rice is imported into Travancore;

(*b*) whether they have made any enquiry regarding the price of rice per sack in these places; and

(*c*) whether they have made any arrangement for wagons for conveying this rice to Travancore?

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